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COMMERCE FOR BEWT/OEA

E.O. 7,652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, ESTC, CZ

SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF COMPUTER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. VICE PRESIDENT OF TECHNOEXPORT, WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPORTS OF COMPLETE PLANTS AND MAJOR INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS, APPROACHED EMBASSY WITH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING DIFFICULTIES CONNECTED WITH EXPORT LICENSE FOR FORBORO COMPUTER CONTROL SYSTEM (TYPE FOX ONE) WHICH IS TO BE INSTALLED IN SLOVNAFT ETHYLENE PLANT IN BRATISLAVA. ACCORDING TO ING. OLDRIK KUCHTA, TECHNOEXPORT ENTERED INTO LARGE CONTRACT WITH LUMMUS COMPANY (HOUSTON, TEXAS) FOR SUPPLY OF KNOW-HOW AND TECHNOLOGY FOR ETHYLENE PLANT, INCLUDING FOXBORO COMPUTER MONITORING AND CONTROL SYSTEM NAMED ABOVE. LUMMUS HAD APPARENTLY INDICATED TO TECHNOEXPORT THAT EXPORT LICENSE APPROVAL FOR COMPUTER SYSTEM WOULD BE FORTHCOMING BY JANUARY 8, 1975. IN FACT, KUCHTA HAD COPY IN HAND OF LETTER TO WILLIAM DOWLING, MANAGER-GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, LUMMUS COMPANY, DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1974, FROM JOHN

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R. COLLINS, DIRECTO, SCEINTIFIC AND ELECTRONIC

EQUIPMENT DIVISION IN BEWT/OEA, REFERRING TO BEWT CASE NO. 127352 (WHICH HE SAID WAS CASE IN QUESTION), STATING THAT LICENSE LIKELY TO BE APPROVED AFTER GOVERNMENT REVIEWS COMPLETED.

2. ING KUCHTA WENT ON TO SAY THAT SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTORS FOR SLOVNAFT PLANT (CAPACITY 200,000 TONS OF ETHYLENE P/A) WILL BE IN PRIME POSITION TO BID ON ADDITIONAL 450,000-TON ETHYLENE PLANT BEING CONSIDERED FOR CONSTRUCTION AT EMZALUZI CHEMICAL COMPLEX IN WESTERN BOHEMIA LATER THIS YEAR. IF EXPORT LICENSE IS NOT GRANTED ON FOXBORO SYSTEM, HOWEVER, HE STATED HE WOULD BE CONSTRAINED TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO TECHNOEXPORT STAFF NOT EVEN TO CONSIDER U.S. SUPPLIERS OF SIMILAR OR RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR ANY FUTURE PROJECTS OF THIS SIZE.

3. EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED NOTICE OF EXPORT LICENSE APPROVAL DATED DECEMBER 18, 1974 FOR ONE FOXBORO DIGITAL COMPUTER (VALUE: \$17,000) FOR DELIVERY TO TECHNOEXPORT AS CONSIGNEE (CASE NO. 114430). ALTHOUGH UNLIKELY, EMBASSY WONDERS WHETHER THIS MIGHT REPRESENT PART OF EQUIPMENT ON ORDER FROM LUMMUS COMPANY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ING. KUCHTA SAID HE MUST HAVE ANSWER ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BY FEBRUARY 28 OR HE WILL BE FORCED TO CANCEL ORDER AND ISSUE STATED INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS STAFF. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, REQUEST COMMERCE PROVIDE ASAP BEST ESTIMATE OF LIKELY ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON BEWT CASE NO. 127372 SO THAT WEHIAN PROVIDE ING. KUCHTA WITH ANSWER BY END OF MONTH.  
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